

REMARKS

Claims 2, 6, 8, 10, and 12 are present in this application. Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9, and 11 are canceled. Claims 2 and 12 are independent claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action of October 30, 2009 indicates that claims 2, 6, 8, 10, and 12 are allowed. Accordingly, Applicant has canceled claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9, and 11 without prejudice or disclaimer of the claimed subject matter, leaving only allowed claims.

Applicant submits that based on cancellation of claims 1, 3-5, 7, 9, and 11, the application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact **Robert Downs** Reg. No. 48,222 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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